



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2021-0263]

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Candidate Application for Admission

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on August 5, 2021.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 30 days after the date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Bedryk, CDR USMS, Director of Admissions, 516.726.5641, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 300 Steamboat Road, New York, NY 11024, www.usmma.edu/admissions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Candidate Application for Admission

OMB Control Number: 2133-0010

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: Regulations pertaining to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) appeared in the Federal Register (Vol. 47, No. 98, p. 21811, dated May 20, 1982) as a final rule. Part 310.57(a) of 46 CFR provides for the collection of information from anyone who is a prospect for admission. It states that “all candidates shall submit an application for admission to the Academy’s Admissions Office.” Thus, the collection of information through the use of a digital application is the primary means by which selections for admission are made. The information collection consists of Part I, the Academic Information Request, Candidate Activities Record, three School Official Evaluation and Biographical Essay and Candidate Fitness Assessment. Part I of the form is completed by individuals wishing to be admitted as students to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The information from the Academic Information Request, Candidate Activities Record, School Official Evaluations and Biographical Essay is used by the USMMA admissions staff and its Candidate Evaluation Board to select the best qualified candidates for the Academy.

Respondents: Individuals desiring to become students at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2000

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 2000

Frequency of Collection: Annually

Estimated Times per Respondent: 5 hours

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 10,000

Public Comments Invited: Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality,

utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

(AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93)

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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